

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-11, amend claim 12 and add new claims 21 and 22 as

follows:

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12. (Amended) A combustion tool comprising:

- a housing enclosing a fuel metering valve;
- a fuel cell fixed to an adapter and configured for being accommodated in said housing in fluid communication with said fuel metering valve; and
- a latch disposed in said housing for releasably securing said adapter in said fluid communication with said fuel metering valve, such that said fuel cell is retained in said housing by said engagement of said adapter with said latch.

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21. (New) A combustion tool comprising:

- a housing enclosing a fuel metering valve;
- a fuel cell provided with an adapter and configured for being accommodated in said housing in fluid communication with said fuel metering valve;
- a latch disposed in said housing for releasably securing said adapter in said fluid communication with said fuel metering valve;
- said adapter has a non-circular profile portion, and said latch includes a bracket configured to accommodate said non-circular profile portion upon insertion or removal of

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said adapter, and upon rotation of said adapter, said bracket is configured for preventing the removal of said adapter from the tool; and

said non-circular profile portion includes a plurality of circumferentially spaced lugs, and said bracket defines an opening with a plurality of inwardly radially projecting spaced tabs, said tabs being constructed and arranged so that said lugs can pass between them when said adapter is inserted or withdrawn, and upon rotation of said adapter, said tabs engage said lugs to prevent withdrawal of said adapter.

22. (New) A combustion tool comprising:

a housing enclosing a fuel metering valve;

a fuel cell provided with an adapter and configured for being accommodated in said housing in fluid communication with said fuel metering valve;

a latch disposed in said housing for releasably securing said adapter in said fluid communication with said fuel metering valve;

said latch includes at least one biased locking member for releasably retaining said adapter in engagement with said fuel metering valve; and

said latch includes a bracket configured to receive and retain said adapter in a push-and-rotate motion, said locking member is constructed and arranged to engage said adapter to prevent rotation of said adapter.